

foundation, or other entity created to operate the licensing system and data depository and to serve as a manager or director of the entity;

(2) Enter into operating agreements, information sharing agreements, interstate cooperative agreements, and technology licensing agreements necessary to the organization and operation of the entity and the licensing system and data depository; and

(3) Take such further actions as are reasonably necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

(b) The Commissioner is authorized to enter into agreements to license the use of the proprietary software owned by the Office of the Commissioner of Banks to banking, mortgage, or financial services supervisory agencies of other states.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Commissioner retains full authority and discretion under this Article to license mortgage brokers, mortgage bankers, loan officers, and limited loan officers and to enforce this Article to its fullest extent. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to be a reduction or derogation of that authority and discretion.

**"§ 53-243.18. Payment of fees.**

Payment of fees specified in this Article shall be made to the Office of Commissioner of Banks or, at the election of the Commissioner, to a national mortgage licensing system, agency, or enterprise designated by the Commissioner."

**SECTION 4.** The amount set as the maximum amount that may be charged for fees in this act shall be the actual amount of the fee until the Banking Commission adopts rules setting the fee at a lower rate.

**SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2006.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 2:15 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

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**Session Law 2006-240**

**AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE VISION CARE PROGRAM.**

*The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:*

**SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 130A-440.1 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 130A-440.1. ~~Comprehensive eye examination required.~~Early Childhood Vision Care.**

(a) Vision Screening Required for Children Entering Kindergarten. – Every child in this State entering kindergarten in the public schools, beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, shall obtain a vision screening in accordance with vision screening standards adopted by the Governor's Commission on Early Childhood Vision Care. Within 180 days of the start of the school year, the parent of the child shall present to the school principal or the principal's designee certification that the child has, within the past 12 months, obtained vision screening conducted by a licensed physician, optometrist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, orthoptist, or a vision screener certified by Prevent Blindness North Carolina, or a comprehensive eye examination performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. The health assessment transmittal form required pursuant to G.S. 130A-440 qualifies as certification that the child has obtained the required vision screening. All providers conducting vision